

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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Best Wishes And Christmas Greetings To All

Heaven's Gift

GOD GAVE HIS ONLY SON, JESUS OF NAZARETH

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer

FOR unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:11-14.

As we approach this blessed day, the celebration of the birthday of our Christ, it is with great joy in our hearts and thanksgiving to God and best wishes to all. Some have objected to the joy and merry making of this blessed day. Of course we object to the way thousands of people celebrate the birthday of Christ but if we will take notice we will see how the people of Bethlehem rejoiced, not only the inhabitants of that fair land but the heavenly host came on the scene. Imagine the hills covered with poppies and cattle and sheep peacefully resting when suddenly the heavens were lit up and Heaven's choir began to sing the carols of joy, peace and good will toward men. The shepherds rushed from their places into the little city and found, as the announcing angel had said, the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. The wise men also came from the East to visit Him and they gave Him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh, the very best in their treasures. I think of all the tokens of love and respect the most beautiful are those we give to others at this time. God gave to this world His only begotten Son who brought peace, joy and gladness. Heaven doesn't need our perish-

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THE STAR OF LOVE

Nona Dame, Evangelist

Luke 2:10, "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Christmas joys are here again. This is the time when life seems best.

Old and young, rich and poor alike find in it a joyousness which no other season possesses. It is the glory of the passing years and the sweetness of their music, and the truth of its real meaning will make our hearts happy long after its joys are over. At Christmas it seems to be easier for the

rich to greet the poor and the proud to speak to the humble. Why? Probably due to the fact that the spirit of the event almost 2000 years ago still lingers near. Let us remember that though He was rich yet for our sake He became poor that through His poverty we might be rich. Christmas day was first observed about A. D. 98 in honor of the birth of our Lord, six miles to the south of Jerusalem is the village of Bethlehem. Here King David was born and watched his father's flock. Almost 2000 years ago two travelers, Mary and Joseph, descendants of the royal line of David, came from Nazareth to Bethlehem to register for taxation. Other travelers were also in Bethlehem and Mary and Joseph finding no room in the inn were compelled to pass the night in a stable. Their journey was long and difficult yet had a glorious ending for here Christ was born. Their journey was a type of the Christian's journey from this world to the glory land, though long and difficult, yet if pursued, will end in Glory and Heaven is the day of which grace is the dawn. Mary brought forth her first-born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. No downy pillow white and soft with silken covers spread was offered to this Holy Child whereon to lay His head, and we, because of sin, are like an outcast infant, helpless and forlorn. His attendants, the rude cattle, yet less rude than man; the

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Christmas Greetings

THE GREATEST DAY OF ALL THE YEAR

M. W. Letsinger

AS to the exact date of the birth of Christ it is true we don't know. Some say that it came on one day and some another. There are many today who claim they can prove by the scriptures that it does not come on December 25. Some seem to object to the date because the Catholic church accepts that date and celebrates. They say it is of Catholic origin, and it may be. I don't know, but as it is an established fact that there is no one living who knows the exact date of the birth of Christ, why should we quibble over and refuse to celebrate on the 25th of December? It makes no difference to me who established the date for the celebration of His birth. We are not worshipping the day or the one who fixed the date, but the One who came into the world to redeem lost humanity.

It should be a time of mirth because His advent into the world means all to us. Just because we do not know the exact date of His birth is no reason why we should not set apart a day to celebrate in memory of that glad event. From childhood we have been taught to love and cherish Christmas because it is the supposed date of the birth of our Lord. And while we make glad the heart and strive to make glad the hearts of others, yet it should be a very sacred time.

As we grow older in years we lose our desire for folly and mirth but we shall never forget our childhood days and the joy and gladness that came to us at Christmas time, all because we have been reared by Christian parents in a Christian land that loves to cherish the memories of a Christ who came into the world to give Himself that we may be saved.

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A BABE, SAVIOR AND KING

Annie Ruth Bridges,

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly

host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:8-14.

From the regions of love, lo, an angel descended And told the strange news how the Babe was attended.

Go, shepherds, and visit the wonderful stranger. See yonder bright star? There's your Lord in a manger.

Glad tidings I bring unto you and each nation, Glad tidings of joy, now behold your salvation!

Then suddenly multitudes raised their glad voices In praise to the Redeemer while heaven rejoiced.

Glory to God in the highest is given, Glory to God is reached thru heaven.

All through the earth let us tell the glad story, And sing of His love, His salvation, and glory.

Enraptured, I burn with delight and desire, Such love so divine sets my soul all on fire.

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CHRIST'S PURPOSE FOR COMING TO EARTH

Joe R. Little

CHRIST'S PART

Christmas time is near, The joy bells are ringing, The birthday of our Savior dear, His praise we should all be singing.

Nineteen hundred and thirty-four years ago

In the city of Bethlehem so fair, Tho' the exact date we do not know, Jesus was born in a stable there.

He came down to this world To seek and save the lost, He can save every man, woman, boy and girl, For He has already paid the cost.

What effect has He had on your heart? Do you think of Him still? Do you stand to your post and do your part? Do you strive to stay in His will?

It is all left in your own hand So to His plea do not say, No. You can reign with Him in the glory land Or will dwell with demons below.

Into this world for a purpose He came, This purpose accomplished He went up above, But soon He's coming back again To catch away His own and beloved.

OUR PART

When Jesus comes knocking at your heart

Open the door and let Him in; Do not say, From me depart

For I am having a good time in sin.

When you are going down the street And you meet a beggar old and gray, Give him some money as a Christmas treat

To help him on his way.

When you think of the orphan children In Cleveland, Tennessee,

Think of your own children Who some day orphans may be.

Then as you would have others Do unto your own,

Do ye likewise unto others And it will come back to your home.

Be ye kind to poor sinners And invite them to God;

Try to be a soul winner

For you are laid beneath the sod.

Do your best for God and your home, For your city and your land, Then you will have a home sweet home Over on the golden strand.

A GOOD REVIVAL

ORLANDO, Fla.—On the night of Nov. 5 we launched a campaign against the devil at this place which continued for three and one half weeks with Brother Earl Paulk of Surrency, Ga. in charge. We can truthfully say we heard more of the real gospel preached than we had ever heard before in this period of time. Brother Paulk's manner of preaching is giving what thus saith the Word with chapter and verse from memory. Surely it can be said of Brother Paulk, He preaches "The Gospel."

The devil got mad of course but God blessed just the same and gave us souls. Eleven received the Holy Ghost, eight were baptized in water, ten came into the church, and others are to come in soon. We do not believe the small numbers given above really give the results of this revival, but we believe eternity alone will reveal the good that was done for both saint and sinner.

Sister Lois Sheffield of Wimauma rendered excellent music at the piano, also her special singing was enjoyed by all.

We also have a goodly number of young people here with salvation and our Y. P. E. is doing some good work.

To Brother Charles Dugger in Bible School: If you read this, remember the young people are anxiously awaiting your return to join us again in our Y. P. E.—Maggie Chessner, 13 S. Parramore St.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIALS

On Dec. 14 Brother Boehmer's invalid child passed into eternity. He was sixteen years old and had been an invalid all his life. We sympathize with Brother and Sister Boehmer, knowing their love for their helpless child is very great. And while their hearts are torn and bleeding, yet there is a measure of gladness in knowing his sufferings are all passed and he is now at rest. I have been in Brother Boehmer's home at intervals for more than ten years and took special notice to the love and sympathy that was given the invalid child. Everything was done for him that could have been to make him happy and healthy. They never seemed to tire or complain in the least. The greatest desire of their hearts seemed to be to do something for their invalid child to make him happy and comfortable.

Because of the sickness and death of the child, Brother Boehmer has gotten behind with his correspondence. As you know, Brother Boehmer has been very prompt in replying to all correspondents and will get to all those expecting a reply soon.

Those who failed to give us your order for Sunday School literature in time to get it filled before Christmas, we trust will receive it in time for the beginning of the year. However, the mails are crowded at this season and it may be delayed. You who have not ordered yet, send us your order. We think we have plenty to supply everyone and want to get it to you in time to begin the quarter if possible. We should all make our plans to have a good Sunday School next year. Be sure to order plenty of literature to supply everyone who may attend your school. It is very discouraging to go to Sunday School and not get any literature. It is true some will take literature home with them and never bring it back to Sunday School, but remember it does not cost much and the most of the folks who get literature pay for it and many times give liberally to the church. If you are stingy with the folks who come, they are very likely to be stingy with you and the church and Sunday School. I notice the most prosperous schools have a good supply of literature and hand it out freely to all who may attend their school, making them feel welcome.

I have received a letter from J. R. Thomas, Christopher, Ill., stating they are in the midst of a great revival. Several have prayed thru to victory already. The altar is filled with anxious seekers and the house with interested listeners. We are praising the Lord for the good revivals. We have learned long ago that the winter is a good time to put on a revival.

Remember there will be no Evangel Christmas week. The next issue will be Jan. 3, 1931.

This week H. L. Whittington sends ten subscriptions to the Evangel: Mrs. H. J. French, seven; A. L. Smith, four; Viola Wright, four. We have received eighty-six since last issue. How many shall we expect for Christmas week? Watch for the report.

We have just received a telegram from Brother J. B. Ellis, stating that his son, Otis Ellis, is dead. Brother and Sister Ellis and their children and relatives have our deepest sympathy at this hour of bereavement and trouble. His death must have come very unexpectedly.

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Mail us a card at once for one of our beautiful, new catalogs of Bibles, books, religious literature, etc.
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Notices & Specials

To the brothers and sisters and co-workers throughout the State of South Carolina: As we feel and see the financial depression hovering over the land as it is today, we need to awake and be about our Father's business as never before. How can we do this? By complying with the Word of God. The Church of God is an enterprise for God and every member has or should have an interest in it. To do so we surely have to put something in.

What have you done, what are you willing to do? I fancy I hear some say, I will give the tenth. You can do this and still not have an interest. We have to go beyond this in order to have an interest in the enterprise of God. I want an interest in it, don't you? How can I? "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2. "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Matt. 22:39. The laity can do its part by standing by the pastor and local church and the pastor can do his part by carrying out the rulings of the Assembly and seeing that the state overseer is cared for and doesn't have to go hungry. The state overseer can do his part by seeing that the needs at Headquarters are supplied by boosting every angle of the church work.

I, for one, have a greater determination to do what I can in every way for the church. Come on, ministers and co-workers in South Carolina, and let's let this be the best year for South Carolina. Pastors, it brings joy to our hearts when we are in need of bread and our little ones probably cold turn the lack of proper clothing to keep them warm and some one comes in with groceries and clothes to warm our little ones. Let's not forget our neighbor when our needs are supplied. As work is scarce in this state and the tithes are small as we know, I feel it would please God for each pastor to take up an offering or fall on some plan to send a dollar or five dollars or what you can with each report you send the state overseer as he is not pastoring any church and is giving his entire time to the work of the state. Let's try to keep him on the field. He told me when he visited the work here in Rock Hill of which I have charge that he wanted to get at least twelve new churches in the state this year. I noticed a report in the Evangel of one already, leaving only eleven to get.

You had better not pass this by too lightly and not give it a thought as God prompted me to write this, I am sure. Some ministers may say the home church is in debt and they don't get what they ought to. Listen, brother or sister, let's deny ourselves in order that God may be glorified. If I had looked at self I never would have written this for even now when I stand before my congregation I have to do so with patched clothes and it hasn't been a year since my children ate cold corn bread. Thanks be to God, there is coming a time when things will change. Let's be abased in order to exalt the church.—One who loves the Church of God and what it stands for, Geo. W. Cooper, 171 W. White St., Rock Hill, S. C.

I thank the dear saints for their prayers. God heard our cries and sent our state overseer, Brother Oglesby, by. Truly the Lord met with us Saturday night and put His approval on us by the spirit being free. We have started our regular meeting and Sunday School again. Will you continue to pray for us to rise and shine for His glory?—Stella Walker, Stroud, Okla.

There will be an all day meeting on Christmas Day at Marion, Va. The church at Wytheville, Chilhowie, Fox Creek, and Troutdale will meet here for the purpose of enjoying themselves. The doors will be open by 9:00 A. M. Speakers will be selected. We will be glad for all the music from all places to be brought along. We want to have a good time in the Lord. Members from off a distance come on the day before and we will take care of you. We feel the need of banding together and seeing if we are the Church of God. Bring your lunch with you and if it is a bad day we will have a good church building and will take care of three or four hundred. I expect to see you Christmas week.—Alex Shaffer, district overseer and pastor, Marion, Va.

I am in New Mexico in the evangelistic work. Times being so hard and house rent so high here, I thought I would ask if some one has a living tent they will loan us. If so, write me stating the size and condition of the tent. If more than one writes me, then I can order the one we prefer. We are suffering some here but we are expecting the Lord to provide a way for us. We have no church building here. We have preached several times in a pentecostal church building. This is a needy field and the people seem to be hungry for the true Word of God. Pray for us to be just what the Lord would have us be.—Elmer Thomas and family, Melrose, N. Mex.

Having been appointed Sunday School superintendent for the Lakeland District by the Florida state superintendent, I would like to get in

touch with all the superintendents of the Sunday Schools in this district, after the new appointment for the ensuing year. Let's make this the best. Let's carry the state banner to camp meeting. What do you say? Come on. Who will help me? I can almost hear you say, I—B. W. Watson, 602 W. Emma St., Lakeland, Fla.

Remember the Church of God Beasley Chapel, Ripley, Tenn. will be called to regular conference the first Sunday in January, Jan. 4, 1931, at eleven o'clock. All members are invited to be present or send their letters. Our new pastor, Brother J. H. Morgan, will preach the first Saturday night and Sunday of each month if it's the Lord's will.—Yours in the Master's work, Mrs. Lucy Best, clerk, Rt. 1, Box 134, Ripley, Tenn.

Dear Evangel readers and especially C. of G. Y. P. E. I have just received my Lighted Pathway. I am so sorry we have no church here that those good lessons may be used. I notice Sister Harrison has printed one thousand papers for December and says if they can all be sold she can start the new year clear of debt and unhampered. Now it CAN BE DONE. I was just thinking of the worldly magazines with their millions of subscribers. No trouble at all to sell them, and she only asks that a thousand be sold. I wonder what we spend our money for. If we don't spend it for shows, doctor bills, etc., we should have more to spend for good literature than others. I wonder if all Church of God folks are reading the Lighted Pathway, if we put it before our children to read and our neighbor's children. Why not use it for Christmas gifts? It is not merely a program for Christian Endeavors but is spiritual food for old and young. If each church will buy one roll, I think that will take the thousand papers and leave Sister Harrison free to work and put her best into this great work of training Christian soldiers that God has entrusted her with.—Yours for the greatest work on earth, C. of G. Y. P. E., Mrs. Kathryn Thompson, Celeste, Texas.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God, Blue Diamond, Ky. Sunday, Dec. 21. Feet washing and sacrament service will be observed.—Melvin Cox, deacon, Blue Diamond, Ky.

I feel we are greatly in need of a Church of God preacher, one who can do any of the church work, that is, set a church in order, ordain preachers, and so on. We would be pleased for some one who has a tent and is hunting a new field to drop in at Vernon, Fla. I believe any good Church of God preacher could do a good work in Vernon with a tent. Anyone preaching under a brush arbor will be welcome in our home eight miles below Vernon.—T. H. Forehand, Vernon, Fla.

We will have all day service and dinner Christmas. We are expecting a real good time from the Lord. We give a hearty welcome to all in the nearby towns and churches to come over and help us.

Our state overseer, Brother Oglesby, was with us the fifth and gave us a fine talk. He said he would be back soon. I believe he is a God-sent man. We mean to do our best by praying for him. He appointed Brother James A. Hall as pastor for the coming year. He is a real man of God.

It is getting close to time for our first quarterly conference. Anyone wishing to correspond with the church in anyway, notify the clerk. I will also take subscriptions for the Evangel at one dollar per year Christmas Day. Wiley E. Wright, clerk, Maud, Okla.

Beard's Revival Party is now in a revival at Hazlehurst, Ga. Good interest is being manifested by a goodly number of people, among whom are some who have never manifested any interest before, so some of our folks tell us. The Lord is blessing in the singing and is giving good liberty in preaching the Word. We are looking for an old time pentecostal revival here before the meeting closes. An invitation is extended to all of God's people near enough to come over and help us. The end of the meeting can't be seen yet. Pray for us and that souls will be saved in great numbers. Anyone wishing to write us, may address Gen. Del. Hazlehurst, Ga. for the next two weeks.—Yours for lost souls, S. F. Beard.

I am now located at Gilbert, La. for next year. I need your prayer that I may be healed of kidney trouble. Pray that God will use me to His glory here. We are having many calls for prayer now.

To the saints in North Louisiana: If you want a meeting any time soon, I will be glad to help if I can. Pray for me.—Yours for Jesus and lost souls, J. H. Brooks, Gilbert, La.

To whom it may concern in the Memphis District: The district is from Mississippi to Kentucky and from the Tennessee River to the Mississippi River, known as West Tennessee. If you need my service in revivals or meetings, please let me know and I will do the best I can for you. We

also have other preachers who perhaps, would suit you better than I would should you need them. Please let us hear from you. We want to do all we can for the Lord this year.—Yours in the service of God, J. H. Morgan, district pastor, Rt. 1, Box 134, Ripley, Tenn.

Notice to Arkansas: The state is divided into districts as follows: Haynes District—Willie Mims, district overseer—churches, Poplar Grove, Haynes, Widener, Earle, and Forchen.

Mountain District—R. R. Martin, district overseer—churches, Imboden, Evening Shade, Velvet Ridge, and Step Rock.

Northern District—L. L. Millam, district overseer—churches, Omaha and all territory nearby.

Bauxite District—W. I. Burford, district overseer—New Summit, Hiden, and all territory west.

Marked Tree District—I am seeing after this until I can get a district overseer—churches, Marked Tree, Shady Grove, Singer, Walnut Ridge, Paragould, Nettleton, Egypt, and Whittington Grove.

Let's see who will get a church first.—Your overseer, J. A. McCullar, Rt. 1, Marked Tree, Ark.

We sing and preach the four-square gospel and make a little music for the glory of God. We belong to the Church of God and trust the Lord for healing. If anyone wants a revival, we are open for calls in Georgia, Florida, or most any nearby state.—Y. E. McNear, 1313 Alpha St., Waycross, Ga.

I would like to know if there is an evangelist, Church of God band, man and wife, or woman who would like to have some one to go with them. If so, I would like to go as I love the Lord and His work. I can conduct prayer service and work in the altar and help sing. Write Carbon Hill Church of God, Carbon Hill, Ala. for recommendation. I have been a member there since the Church of God was first set in order there. I have been clerk and treasurer most of the time.—Pearly Ables, Rt. 2, Carbon Hill, Ala.

Since returning from California, we are contemplating on returning as far west as Utah in the Spring. We will therefore be able to fill some engagements from Jan. 1 to April 1. Will run revivals or lecture a few days on subjects of very much importance for our day, such as, "The Last Days," "Soon Coming of Christ," "Gentile Age (closing)," "Prophecy," etc. We expect to be in South Georgia and North Florida the first of the year. Write concerning your dates for engagements.—E. L. Moore, 123 24th St., Cleveland, Tenn.

REQUESTS

I want everyone who reads this to please pray for me that I will receive salvation before it is too late. Pray for mother to be healed of tonsillitis and some kind of spells. My sister's children have some kind of breaking out on their bodies. Pray for them. Please pray for my dad to receive the full blessing and for my soul.—Gertude Jennings, Monroe, Va.

I request the prayers of all the saints for my little boy five years of age who has never talked. Please pray for him to receive his speech and be healed of other afflictions if it is the Lord's will. Pray for two of my boys to be healed of kidney trouble. Pray for my unsaved brothers, sisters, mother, and father-in-law. Pray for me and my family that we may always be humble and do just what the Lord would have us do.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Laura M. Wheeler, Sweet Briar, Va.

Please pray for my niece, Evelyn Jones, who has pneumonia, and my twin babies who have measles that they will not have pneumonia.—Mrs. Marvin Jones, Lithia, Fla.

Please have special prayer for my mother to be healed. She has been sick for four weeks. Pray earnestly that God will heal her.—Your humble sister in Christ, Mrs. P. C. Canup, Rt. 3, Box 118, Jasper, Fla.

My father is unsaved. Pray that God will bring him in before it is too late. He doesn't seem to like the good way of holiness. I am a little school boy and need your prayers to help me stand as you all know school is a hard place. Pray that all of my family will be ready to go when Jesus comes.—Your little brother in Christ, Lamuel Watford, Orlando, Fla.

Please pray for me to be healed of a hurting in my right side and for me to receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my boys and girls to see the light and to surrender to the Lord before it is too late. I am located in a community where holiness has never been preached and I am the only one here who believes God is letting the people have the gifts spoken of in the Bible. I would be glad for some one who has the means and music to come and conduct a good meeting for a few days. I cannot promise anything, not even a house, except my home to preach in but God is able to work. I could sleep two or three and give meals. If you had good music and singing the people would come and maybe give a good offering. I never get to be in church. Pray for me and my family and this community.—Yours trusting and waiting on the Lord, Ella Brewer, Rt. 1, Ruth, Miss.

AS CHRISTMAS NEARS

Floyd S. Deese

As Christmas comes so nigh and near
It brings to us great joy and cheer.
The star the wise men saw one night
Is the one that shines in my heart so bright.

Let us praise the Lord, one and all,
For the star that's shining for the great and small,
Glory to God in the highest
For the star that shines the brightest.

Let us praise Him for His love
For the brightest star above;
Glory and honor to Jesus of Bethlehem
Peace and good will toward all men.

CHRISTMAS

Miss Mattie Broome, Atlanta, Ga.

When the season of snow and ice began many, many years ago people in the far north lands held ceremonial dances and paid homage to the weather gods that the cold days might be of short duration. Every home was bedecked with holly, fir, and mistletoe in honor of the woodland sprites less perchance they should become angry and bring misfortune to the occupant. Many and varied were the exercises held, but the people were full of superstition, unrest, and utterly hopelessness. The lives of the rich were idle, wicked, and oppressive. The poor were cowed, despondent, and helpless. Such condition reigned also in the more southern countries, but the festivals at the season of Yule were of different character.

And then, one night in the country of Judea far to the south of the cold Norse country, a group of shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks, talking, perhaps of their hopeless lot, when, lo, in the heavens above they saw a great light and an angel. The shepherds were sore afraid but the angel spoke unto them and said, Fear not, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Suddenly there was with the angel a body of celestial singing with the sweetest of voices, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Could it be possible? Was there at last One come who would champion their cause? The shepherds did not stop to reason but straightway went in search of Him of whom the angels spoke. They found Him in the early morning in a stable in the town of Bethlehem, lying wrapped in swaddling bands, cared for by His mother, Mary, and her espoused husband, Joseph. Joseph and Mary had come up to Bethlehem to pay taxes and had found no room in the inn, so the little stranger had been first welcomed by the cattle's low.

The shepherds worshipped the new born Babe. As they paid Him homage the heart of the mother burned within her as she remembered the angel's words some months before. When the virgin, the angel had told her she should bring forth a son who should be the promised Messiah of the Jews. And as these shepherds told of the angelic singing it made glad her heart and she worshipped with them.

Now this same night there appeared a star in the firmament, larger and more beautiful than all the other stars. Star of the East it was called. And some one has rightly named the rays of it, peace, joy, and love. Three wise men saw that star that night and knew it as a sign of great importance to the nation. With gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh, they started to find the place over which the star should hover. Over a stable it shone brightest. When the wise men had entered they presented their gifts to the same Babe in the manger that the shepherds had worshipped. And so this first birthday of the Christ was kept by the humble and the wise. Those who are wise keep it sacredly now, and those who keep it sacredly are those humble believers in the One whose birthday they keep.

Years passed and many believed on the Babe now grown. After He had been rejected by the Jews, had been crucified, and had ascended into heaven, the day of His birth was set aside by Christians as a sacred holiday. The name Christmas was given to the day first—Christ for our Lord and mas for

I am sick and ask all the saints who read this to pray that I may be healed. Pray that I may stay in this good way. I want more faith and power and want to get closer to Jesus. Pray that my husband will receive the Holy Ghost. I have five children and only one has started this way. Pray for them.—A sister, Mrs. V. M. Ragsdale, Summiton, Ala.

I wish some good, Holy Ghost filled preacher would hear the Macedonian call and come to Titus County. There is not a Church of God in the county that I know of. I covet the prayers of the saints everywhere that I will stand true until Jesus comes or calls.—Mrs. Girtie Clark, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Pray for my unsaved people.—Clara McGrady, Welton, W. Va.

the Hebrew word for gift—God's gift of Christ to the world. Now the word embraces the season about the actual birthday as well as the day.

Strange to say unbelievers began to keep Christmas too, and soon all over the world it was Christmas. Christmas in the land of the fir tree and pine, Christmas in the land of the palm tree and vine, everywhere, everywhere Christmas. Some do not keep the day in the worshipful way, but all save the Jews honor it as the birthday of our Savior. Washington's birthday we may forget, but did you ever hear anyone ask, "What day is today," when that day was Christmas? There's something about the very word Christmas that thrills us. Thoughts of it warm the heart, memories of it make us grow tender. Somehow men turn almost involuntarily to lend a helping hand to his fellowmen. But of such deeds have come some of our most beautiful Christmas carols. What sweeter sentiment could there be than that expressed in the old English carol?

"Good King Winslow's lord looked out upon the feast of Stephen
While the snow lay round about so deep and crisp and even,
Brightly shone the moon that night though the frost was cruel
As a poor man came in sight gathering fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou knowest it, telling
Yonder Goodman who is he, where and what his dwelling?
Sire, he lives a good league off, right against the mountain
Where the snow lies deepest, sir, 'gainst Saint Agnes fountain.

"Forth they went into the night though the wind blew faster,
Carrying the fuel, servant following his master."

And just so surely as the squire gave of himself and his possession to the poor, even so as the wise men of old gave gifts to the Christchild, the squire likewise gave gifts to the Babe, for He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brother, ye have done it unto me." Much commercialized giving has entered into the Christmas season of today, but to the Christian the spirit of giving should be the same, gifts, love gifts, given in the scriptural way, expressive of our appreciation of God's great gift to us.

Christmas due to foreign influence, has become a season of frolic all too much. It has been a time when children were thought of especially and their pleasures sought. How happy children are at Christmas! How merry their laughter! And older folks' eyes become misty as they think of Christmases past, waiting, as they are, for that glad Christmas Day when in the King's house they shall share the celebration of His birthday with Him. Beautiful songs expressive of Christ's love and filled with Christmas sentiment have come down through the years. Some of these reminiscences of the years of the early Christmases as "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" and other songs are sung by Christians at the Christmas season to honor His birthday, even looking forward to the day when they shall sing songs of praise in the New Jerusalem.

Elaborate preparations of expensive viands are also made among Christians and unbelievers alike. This is proper and right if we invite the Lord Jesus into our feasts and ask His blessing upon our food and if we share with those who have not of their own.

In all of our preparation of gifts, of songs, of food, and of beautifying our hearts and homes, let us not forget to make room for the Christ in our hearts and to urge others to make room for Him also. Then when the earth is blanketed in snow and everything in holiday attire and the whole world joyous and loving toward one another, in some quiet hour a new star shall arise in the firmament, the angelic chorus will give another great shout, and lo, the Christ who gave us Christmas will have come again. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

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Luke 2:10.
John L. Stephens

A Christmas and New Year's message to God's people, and to all I would like to send cheer. Gloom and despondency fill the hearts of many of earth's inhabitants today. To the ministers I would say, While the wealthy of the world spend the holidays in glee should we not try to cheer the poor and needy with the message of Him who is able to make glad? for it seems that if there ever was a time when many were in need of the message of cheer it is today.

Owing to the condition of the country many are downcast and need help (and of course more than this world is able to give). I've often thought of the zeal that fills the hearts of God's people when first blessed of Him. Even though not called to preach one wants to testify and tell others. I feel sometimes almost like praying the

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A BABE, SAVIOR, AND KING

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are ringing.
Oh when shall I join them and ever
be singing?

Triumphantly ride in thy chariot victorious
And conquer with love, O Jesus, all
glorious.

Thy banners unfurl, let the nations
surrender
And own Thee their Savior, their God,
and Defender.

During this season of the year, our minds go back to a beautiful story of the little Babe of Bethlehem who came into the world, poor and lowly, whose cradle was a manger because there was no room in the inn for Him. Many people today have no room in their hearts and lives for Jesus. If we have no room for Jesus in this life, there will be no room for us in those mansions He has gone to prepare for all who believe on His name.

A picture appears before our eyes just now how
Cold in His cradle the dewdrops are
shining,
Low lies His head with the beast of
the stall,
Though angels adore Him in slumber
reclining,
Because it was Jesus the Savior of all.
Throughout the Savior's life we trace
Nothing but love and boundless grace.
No period else is seen

Till He a spotless victim fell,
Tasting in soul the pangs of hell
Caused by the creatures' sin.
On the cold ground methinks I see
My Savior kneel and pray for me,
For this I'll Him adore.
Seized with chilly sweat throughout
Blood drops as it were did force their
passage out
Through every open pore.
The piercing thorns His temples bore
His back with lashes was all torn.
Mocking, they pushed Him here and
there,
Marking His way with blood and
tears,
Pressed by the heavy tree.
Thus up the hill He painfully came
Round Him they mocked and made
their game,
At length His cross they raised.
Thus veiled in humanity He dies
In anguish on the tree.
What tongue His grief can tell?
The shuddering rocks their heads re-
cline

The morning star refused to shine
When the Redeemer fell.
How calm and beautiful the morn
That glided the sacred tomb
Thereon the Crucified was borne
And veiled in midnight gloom.
Oh weep no more for the Savior slain,
The Lord is risen, He lives again.

Yes, bless His name, He who was
once dead is alive forever more and
has gone back to heaven to prepare
a place for all who love Him. And He
said when He went away He would
come again for His own. He is not
coming back to be rejected of man any
more, but He's coming with power and
glory and every eye shall see Him.
Yes, even those who pierced Him
shall look upon Him. The wicked shall
pray for the rocks and mountains to
fall on them and hide them from the
face of the Lord. He is not coming
as King of the Jews only but He is
coming as King of kings and Lord of
lords. He will not be pillowed in a
manger for He is coming on clouds
of great glory with thousands of an-
gels singing, Alleluia, salvation, and
glory, and honor. He will not be
clothed in the purple robe any more
to be mocked and spit on, but He
will be clothed in a vesture dipped in
blood and His name shall be called
The Word of God. Rev. 19:13.

We read in Rev. 21:7, "He that over-
cometh shall inherit all things." If
we are faithful unto death He said
He would give us the crown of life.
So let us pray that we enter not into
temptation and live a life that will
be counted worthy to partake of the
river and tree of life that we are told

THE STAR OF LOVE

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ox and the ass, emblems of man's un-
tamed, rebellious nature, yet they
owning more than man their master's
crib.

Let us view the scene: Christ wrap-
ped in swaddling clothes and lying in
a manger. "Christ would here put a
contempt upon all worldly glory, and
you may be tempted to ask, Is this
the Christ? with no one seemingly to
welcome Him and no splendid hosts
of pomp and power announced His
royal birth. Yes! Far greater—an an-
gel choir proclaimed the news to
earth, and seeing His birth announce-
ment by angels, we declared, Surely
this is He. It cannot be no other, of
whom it was said, Heb. 1:6, "Let all
the angels of God worship Him."

Let us next notice to whom the an-
nouncement was made. Not to those
in palaces who like the Laodicean
church said, "We are rich and have
need of nothing." But to humble shep-
herds who were abiding in the field
keeping watch over their flocks by
night. The angel of the Lord came up
on them and the glory of the Lord
shone around about them and they
were sore afraid. Let us view the scene
of the shepherds and also think of
the shepherds of today. God help us
as ministers and shepherds of today
to keep watch, keep on our guard,
keep awake and always be on the
alert. And they were sore afraid. Just
so we are apt to become afraid and
fail to press forward. God give us
grace. And the angel said unto them,
"Fear not." Oh! what admonition
what comfort, what cheer if we keep
in the right attitude. Thank God, we
may still hear this same message to-
day in the sweetest tone. Such music,
there is none sweeter! When cares,
when sorrows, when adversities, when
perplexing problems confront us, we
may still find consolation for, behold,
I bring you tidings of great joy which
shall be to all people, for unto you is
born this day in the city of David a
Savior which is Christ the Lord.

Next, the angels' Doxology. Glory
to God in the highest and on earth
peace, good will toward men. Christ
was born in the night, the night be-
ing a clear type of the moral dark-
ness of this world, but He came as a
light to brighten this old world, and
praise His name, He has changed my
darkness into day. Oh glory!
"And it came to pass, as the angels
were gone away from them into heav-
en, the shepherds said one to another,
Let us go now even unto Bethlehem,
and see this thing which is come to
pass, which the Lord hath made known
unto us." No time to loose, sin-
ner friend. Now is the accepted time,
today is the day of salvation, tomor-
row is a long way off. We should
value our golden moments for once
they are gone they are gone for-
ever. This old year will be soon pass-
ing out and many are passing with it,
but if you will use the faculty of hear-
ing which God has given you, this
message of "fear not" will be sweet
to you and will be a consolation when
you are leaving or passing from this
world. No time to loiter. "They came
with haste, and found Mary and
Joseph, and the babe lying in a man-
ger."

No room for Him in the inn as
kings and palaces and public assem-
blies of today. Have you room for
Christ? Says one, "I have been such
a sinner I feel my heart has been a
den of devils." Well the manger had
been a place where beasts fed. Never
mind what the past has been, He can
forgive. Room for Jesus, I hear His
herald cry, room for Christ! My Mas-
ter wants room in the heart, life, busi-
ness, our daily walks. Have you room?
Oh! Spirit of God lead mankind to
say, "Yes." One would naturally think
that He would have room since He,
the Christ, the Son of God, was to
be brought into this world. One would
justly expect that He would be re-
ceived with all ceremonies possible
and that the princes would become
His humble servants, but we see none
of this. Instead we find old King
Herod seeking His life. Herod, a man
made up with falsehood and cruelty,
and yet we find him possessing the
title of "Herod the Great." Strange a
babe would worry an old king! But
we hear him inquiring where Jesus
was to be born. Many a good question
is put with an ill design, "that I may
come and worship him." This might
look suspicious if he did not conceal
it with a cloak of religion, but this
will do no good in the day of judg-
ment. Let us heed the message, fear
not.

They listened, those wondering shep-
herds, shepherds of old,
They trembled to hear the glad tidings
the angels told;
And oh, those sweet voices that awak-

ed that morn
To tell in Judea that Jesus was born;
The message was carried to regions
afar,
The wise men were led by the illu-
minant star.
These wise men are known as three
kings, Melchior of Arabia, the land
of gold; Balthasar of Sabbe which was
sweet with frankincense; and Gaspar
from the kingdom of Tharsis, a land
of much myrrh. These men traveled
across the plains toward the hills of
the Holy City, guided by a star, happy
to know all were on the same mis-
sion. Their mode of travel was slow,
being by caravan or camel. Oh what
joy when they rode into Jerusalem
and inquired where Jesus was to be
born. "For," said they, "we have seen
his star in the east, and are come to
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that spirit of giving! John 3:16, "For
God so loved the world, that he gave
his only begotten Son, that whosoever
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but have everlasting life." How silent-
ly, how silently this wondrous gift
was given, so God imparts to human
hearts the blessing of His heaven. No
ear may hear His coming but in this
world of sin where meek souls will
still receive Him the dear Christ en-
ters in. Let us not forget that Christ-
mas stands for Christ, the great gift
of God to mankind. All other gifts
will perish in time but the world's
best gift will endure through all eter-
nity.

When the star of Bethlehem shone
above the watching shepherds of old
it was a symbol of light to a world
in darkness. Since then the Messiah's
glorious star of love has been shining
for every one of us to guide us to the
land where Christ is waiting our com-
ing and I pray that you may be filled
with His peace and good will which
is offered freely to all who follow His
guiding star of love. Father, help us
to become as little children at this
Christmas season, gentle, calm, pure,
and trustful, seeking the Christ's
power and perchance in the hush of
night the angels may draw nigh that
our hearts may be pure and childlike
so they will not pass us by. Amen.

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I'm so glad I've drunk from the foun-
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Not Discouraged, But Encouraged

— B. T. S. —

"For the scripture saith, Whosoever
believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

I am so glad I can say I am not
ashamed of Jesus for I have been re-
deemed from eternal death. I have
prayed for sometime that I might
come to B. T. S. and study the Word
of God and other subjects which help
us in the work of the Lord. I am glad
my prayers have been answered, I am
now at B. T. S. And say, it is not all
study, the Lord is with us many
times and we can shout and praise
the Lord. Everyone who reads this
please pray for us. My motto is, Not
discouraged, but encouraged.— From
one who loves the B. T. S. and teach-
ers, Charles Dugger, 1023 W. Jackson
St., Orlando, Fla.

Feel Like I Never Want To Leave

— B. T. S. —

I thank God for saving, sanctifying,
and filling me with the Holy Ghost,
something that will keep us every day
of our lives free from sin. I also thank
God because I am here in Bible
School. It is so good for the young
people to train themselves to do God's
work at any and all times. I feel like
this is the best place on earth to pre-
pare for God's work. It seems like
you can get so many good blessings
from the Lord.

Sometimes I get a little blue, but
when Friday afternoon comes, and Fri-
day nights more especially, and the
Lord gives us a blessing, I feel like I
will never want to leave. If I do not
get to stay any longer than Christ-
mas, I have been well paid for com-
ing. I ask the Evangel readers to pray
for me that I will hold out faithfully
to the end.—Lowell McCoy.

FEED OUR HUNGRY SOULS

— B. T. S. —

I truly am thankful for the oppor-
tunity I have of praising the Lord
thru this well loved paper, the Evan-
gel. I have many things for which to
thank God. Among them are, first,
Christ; second, saving grace; third,
life; fourth, food and raiment; fifth,
life after death; and sixth, a home in
the skies. I have many more for which
to thank God. I can never thank or re-
pay Him enough for what He's done
for me. He's dear to my heart. I am
glad for the opportunity I have of
coming to the Training School.

The blessings we receive at school
make my heart rejoice. The Friday

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HEAVEN'S GIFT

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able gifts but it is in token of love
and honor to Him who gave Himself
to us that we in turn give gifts to
others. Some have said it is of pagan
origin or of Catholic origin. What dif-
ference does that make to us? Are we
to leave off honoring and praising
God and fall to observe not only
Christmas day but Mother's Day, Fa-
ther's day and in fact, any day that
brings gladness and happiness and re-
news our minds and cheers the hearts
of our friends, just because the pagans
and Catholics do the same? I feel that
the real Christian ought to take the
lead in celebrating this day. "Oh,"
they say, "this is not the birthday of
Christ, it couldn't have been." Some
say it is too cold for shepherds to be
out at night. You must remember that
this country in which He was born is a
semi-tropical country. They don't
have the hard winter seasons that we
have here. It is near the border line
of a tropical climate and this day is
as near the birthday of Christ as re-
cords and human efforts can find.

In Asiatic countries where observ-
ance is confined to a few Christians
celebration is somewhat limited, but
in Europe where Christmas is the most
important day of the year there are
many Christian customs. In the old
world where we get the Christmas
stocking, the carol and many other
Christmas festivals, Italy first hung
up stockings. Years ago it was the
habit of the generous people to throw
gifts thru the open windows of homes
of the poor people. It is said that
purses were given to the poor. These
purses were of knit material and very
long. Their shape was roughly that
of a stocking. A little later these
purses went out of style and a stock-
ing was used instead. These stockings
were hung from open windows at
night for three or four days before
Christmas and were filled by the more
fortunate. The idea of hanging the
stocking at the fireplace came from
northern Europe, where the winter
was too cold to leave the windows up
all night. The Christmas tree is men-
tioned by a traveler who was going
thru Alsace in 1605. He wrote his
friends that it was a very pretty tree
as it stood there decorated with paper
flowers, sugar plums, oranges and
toys. A table set beside it covered with
presents. In 1662 Thomas Tysdale was
given permission to publish a collection
of good carols to be sung to the
glory of God, and in 1661 there ap-
peared a new collection of carols by
another English author.

About the beginning of the seven-
teenth century there came a wave of
opposition to Christmas. The Puritans
tried to do away with all celebrations
for they claimed that every thing con-
nected with its celebration was of
pagan origin. Even if this is true, I
think we should take the Bible as our
guide and if heavenly hosts could sing
for joy and worship earth's greatest
gift, it is in divine order for the real
children of God to do the same. If
the wise men who were close enough
to God by their devotion and reading
the Bible and the Old Testament
scholars could know His star when it
appeared and open up their treasures
and give Him the best they had, we
would be dishonoring God and im-
poverishing our souls to fall to cele-
brate this great day. And while I do
not believe in Santa Claus, I do be-
lieve in giving gifts and praising and
blessing God. I heard one wise man
(?) say it meant no more to him than
any other day and yet he had much to
say about the blessings Christ had
brought to Him. I can't understand
a spirit like that. I believe one who
had no enlightenment, coming from
the heathen lands, and who had re-
ceived the blessing that Jesus brought,
hearing of His birthday being cele-
brated would have such joy and in-
spiration that they would be obliged
to praise and honor Him.

I will never forget my early child-
hood, with what joy we received our
presents on Christmas morning, how
we would greet each other and pay
our Christmas gift. It was an inspira-
tion year after year. I lived in hopes
of that glad happy day. While my
parents practiced what they called
Santa Claus my mother taught me

brightened by its ruddy glow?
Where are they as we count them one
by one?

Some have gone to lands far distant
and with strangers made their home.
Others upon the world of water all
their lives are forced to roam.
Some have gone from us forever, long-
er here they could not stay;
They have reached a fairer region far
away."

We are left, some of us, almost alone
as far as our childhood acquaintances
are concerned. We have grown older
and the years are swiftly passing one
by one and we realize that we too
will soon have to go the ways of all
the earth and be numbered with those
who have left us behind. Since last
Christmas millions have gone on
some possibly very near and dear to
you, but we are left here for some
purpose best known to Him who doeth
all things well.

This may be the last Christmas
we will have to enjoy in this life so
may we use it in honoring Him who
came more than nineteen hundred
years ago and gave Himself a ransom
that we might go free.

Wishing the Evangel readers a
very merry Christmas and a prosper-
ous New Year.

Where are now the merry parties I
remembered long ago,
Laughing around the Christmas fire,

It is true that Christmas celebra-
tion is not carried on in many in-
stances as it should be, but all Chris-
tians should be glad at this time. Sing
songs of praise. I think singing is a
very appropriate way of celebrating
because at the time of His birth the
ANGELS SANG.

Well do I remember when I was a
child, after the presents had been
presented, how we would then get the
song books and spend the greater por-
tion of the forenoon in singing appro-
priate songs. Were we out of divine
order? No, we were carrying on that
which was begun at His birth.

It is a good thing to sing praise.
It brings joy and gladness to the soul.
The scriptures tell us to sing to each
other in psalms and hymns and spiri-
tual songs, making melody in our
hearts unto the Lord. In another
place it tells us to make a joyful noise
unto the Lord. In what way can we
do this? By singing. It has been said
that everyone should enjoy a little
melody each day. Music is said to be
the wine of the soul. Many times we
have been cheered by it when we were
almost despondent. Then we are per-
suaded to believe that God is pleased
with it and that heaven will be filled
with music. So on this Christmas Day
in the year of our Lord 1930 we may
praise Him in some way and make
glad the heart because unto us a Sav-
ior has been given, a son born which
is Christ the Lord.

Not long since I was sitting in
church by an aged man who had lived
a very consecrated life for many
years. The song service was on and
he was humming the tune. I supposed
the choir was singing so fast he could
not utter the words and keep up so
he went on humming out a sound that
blended with the music. By and by
he began to rejoice and praise the
Lord which made me happy too. It
is a good thing to give thanks and to
sing praise unto the Lord.

Christmas time invariably brings to
us sweet memories of the past. It is
a good time to get our minds off the
busy cares of life and reflect upon the
past. Many times we go for days and
weeks, and I may say months, in such
a whirl we hardly have time to pause
for a moment's reflection. But when
Christmas comes we usually lay down
our duties and responsibilities for
awhile and worship and reflect upon
the past. As we reflect and look
around for those we associated with
in early life, we are made to say,

"Where are now the merry parties I
remembered long ago,
Laughing around the Christmas fire,

He Said He Would Never Leave Us Alone

Greetings in Jesus' name to the
Evangel readers everywhere. While I
sit and meditate on God's Holy Word
this dark and cloudy afternoon, I am
glad we can have the light of the
morning in our souls. I praise God be-
cause I am one of God's little chil-
dren and feel sure of heaven as I con-
tinue in the good old way of holiness.
Jesus said He would never leave us
alone. He even promises to go with
us unto the end of the world.

I left Taylor, Ala. in September and
came to Albans, Ga. I stayed with the
saints there about a week and pre-
ached for them. No one got saved but the
saints were built up. There are some
good people there and I learned to
love them. May God bless the pastor
and each one of them. We came to
Tiger, Ga. and stayed a few days,
then on to Cornelia. Had a few days'
service at Alto and three got sancti-
fied in one night. We went down to
Jefferson, Ga. and was there awhile,
then came to Anderson, S. C. I am
here at present. I am a Church of God
preacher, hold papers with the
Church of God, Headquarters at Clevel-
and, Tenn., S. W. Latimer, General
Overseer. I am called to preach the
gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. I have felt the calling from a
child. My heart is in the work. My
family is small, just wife, one child
and I. If any church needs a pastor,
let me know. I hope to hear from
some one soon. May God bless each of
you.—A brother, J. C. Pruitt, Apple-
ton Mill Store, Anderson, S. C.

about Jesus and told me of His love
for human hearts and when I arrived
at the age that I found out that Santa
Claus was a fake it never changed my
views of Christ and never lessened my
love and respect for One so great. I
looked upon the little deception prac-
ticed in the home as something to
make the little fellows happy and, in
fact, my love for home, mother and
father was not diminished. My love
for God's greatest gift was increased.
I feel that if we were to fail to sing
carols and praise and honor Him in a
time like this, God would be displeased.
Since I have had the Holy Ghost
we have never taught our children
that there was a Santa Claus. I think
this is a mistake. We should not teach
them that, but we should teach them
to give and make others happy there-
by in turn thank our heavenly Father
and Jesus our Savior. And I believe
this is a good way to point others to
the Lamb of God.

Christmas brings to earth different
messages. First it speaks to us as a
serious message as to the fleetness
of time. Each Christmas is like the
passing of a mile stone of life. There
is much work for each of us to do.
The night cometh when no man can
work. We pass the years as an ex-
press train glides by the telephone
poles. When each one is passed it lies
back and there beyond recall. It is the
same with our opportunities when we
let them slip. The Christmas season
tells of neglected opportunities. It
brings a message telling of a new gift
of God. It also reminds us that God
gave His Son, our personal Savior. It
brings to us a message of our obliga-
tions to our loved ones and to the
poor. I feel that our gifts should be
to the needy for it was to the needy
and lost that Jesus came as a gift. The
angels are interested in us and they
came on the scene and sang the
first Christmas carol. The wise
men came and gave Him gifts.

This shows that God ordered this
celebration and it is of divine
origin. It makes no difference what
others may say and what claims they
lay on the celebration of this day, it
began by a heavenly host directed by
God Himself. Again this Christmas
brings a message as to the way in
which Christ delights to have Chris-
tians observe it. I am sure He would
not lessen in any degree the mirth of
childhood, that He would not chide us
for remembering sadly the dear faces
of the departed ones, but He would
have us think a little more kindly of
others, forgiving all who have wronged
us, speaking somewhat more gen-
tly to our loved ones, remembering
generally the poor, the friendless, all
less favored than we are, doing all in
our power to make every one happy.
Oh, what a glad, happy thought of the
blessings Jesus brought to our hearts.

I read the story of a gathering of
thousands of people. They had met to
raise money for the world's fair. Some
trained singers sang operatic songs.
Finally one sang "Annie Laura" and
there was no response. At last one
sweet singer arose and started that
good old hymn, "The Gates Ajar For
Me." The crowd arose with applause
and in just a short space of time the
needed amount was given. Oh, how
glad I am that the gates were left ajar
for me and it was by God's gift that
you and I have the grand privilege of
the glorious hope of entering into the
gates that are left ajar.

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Obituaries

ROUSE

On Nov. 30, 1930 the death angel visited the home of E. L. Rouse and claimed his mother, Mrs. E. E. Rouse. She was eighty-nine years, eleven months and fourteen days old. Grandmother was loved by all who knew her. She belonged to the Methodist church and professed salvation and we weep not as those who have no hope for our loss is heaven's gain. She leaves to mourn her death two sons, eighty-two grandchildren and many other relatives and many friends. The funeral was held at the church by W. C. Rahn. Grandmother is gone but not forgotten.

Dear Grandma, you have left us, We know that life was brief, But how your leaving pained us, It filled our hearts with grief.

When we saw you in your casket, Lying there so still and quiet, You seemed to be an angel, darling, With wings of snowy white.—One who loved her, her granddaughter, Mrs. Bessie McDaniel, Waresboro, Ga.

BROWN

On Oct. 29, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Clevia Raper and claimed for its victim her loving sister, Miss Gracy Brown age sixteen years, two months and twelve days. Her suffering was great but she bore it with patience. Her death was caused from typhoid fever. All was done for her that loving hands could do but God saw best to call her away from this world of sorrow to a beautiful land where no sickness or death ever comes. She was ready to go to be with Jesus. She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, three brothers, two sisters and other relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by the writer and her body laid to rest in the Condon Grove cemetery to await the morning of the resurrection.—Mrs. Lillie Lyons, Ravia, Okla.

HARRISON

On Nov. 17, 1930 the death angel visited the State University hospital and claimed for its victim Mrs. Jennie Viola Harrison, wife of Mr. Floyd Harrison. She had been in bad health for a long time. Her husband sent her to the hospital with hopes of her returning home in good health. She passed away while on the operating table being operated on for rotter. She left a testimony with her loved ones that she was saved and ready to go. Her desire was to unite with the church and be baptized but the great God who doeth all things well saw best to call her to that beautiful place called heaven where we'll never see a broken hearted companion weeping over a departed loved one. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, one little girl, a father, mother, five brothers, three sisters and a host of other relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by the writer and her body laid to rest in the Tishomingo cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled.—Mrs. Lillie Lyons, Ravia, Okla.

ARMBRISTER

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1930, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. H. L. Carper and claimed for its victim her beloved father, Brother Armbrister, age seventy years. He leaves to mourn eight children, five sons, and three daughters. He was a good man. He was saved in early life and lived a good, clean life all the way thru. He would often have the Church of God people to pray for the healing of his body. All was done that loving hands could do but the Lord knew best. Brother Armbrister said he was ready to go any time the Lord called.

On that bright celestial day I hope to meet you, dear father, When Jesus comes To catch His chosen ones away.—Mrs. W. M. Lyons, Pulaski, Va.

SELF

The death angel visited the home of Mr. Eldridge Self Nov. 24 and claimed his wife, Ruby, for its victim. She was twenty-nine years old. Her death was caused from a burn she received about four weeks before. All was done that loving hands could do but the Lord saw best to take her home. She was loved by all who knew her. She was saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and was a member of the Church of God at Hendrix, Ala. She leaves to mourn a husband, four small children, father, mother, four brothers, four sisters and other relatives and friends. Her body was laid to rest in the Rosa cemetery.—One who loved her, Miss Minnie Wynn, Rt. 5, Oneonta, Ala.

BUSBEE

On how our hearts were saddened on Oct. 5, 1930 when our dear mother laid this armor down and went home to rest. She was born Aug. 12, 1857. Her maiden name was Mary Anne Rebecca Lassiter. She married Mack H. Busbee Nov. 16, 1875 and to this union were born eleven children, fifty-eight grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. She was a good, charitable, Christian worker from girlhood, her father being a Freewill Baptist minister. She travelled with him helping in the gospel work and later she united

with the Missionary Baptist church, still hungering after God. She was ever ready to care for the sick and especially cared for orphan children, always denying herself for others. She bore her sufferings patiently and quietly went to sleep in Jesus.

Dear father, brothers and sisters, let us not weep as those who have no hope for we feel assured that dear mother has gone to rest. Let us try to be as good and faithful as she was so that we may enjoy her sweet presence again.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother L. W. Carleton. She was laid away in a vault in Clear Springs cemetery near Florala, Ala. to await the coming of Jesus when all that are in the grave shall hear His voice and shall come forth. John 5:28, 29.

Thou art gone, our precious mother, Never more canst thou return; Thou shalt sleep a peaceful slumber Till the resurrection morn.

Glory will come to me by and by When mother's dear face I shall see, In heaven, that country beyond the sky, And forever with her I shall be.—Her daughter, Mrs. Ida Braddy, 908 Lee Ave., Waycross, Ga.

CAUTHORN

Great sorrow was cast upon the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cauthorn Sept. 16, 1930 when the death angel claimed for its victim their darling son, Clayton C. Cauthorn, age four years, six months and twelve days. He was of such a loving disposition and wore such a sweet smile that it saddened our hearts to give him up but we know that our loss is heaven's gain. He leaves to mourn his departure a father, mother, seven brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Weep not, loved ones, as those who have no hope for we have assurance that he is at rest with Jesus where no death nor pain can enter. We can be with him if we live a holy, consecrated life here.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother L. W. Carleton. He was laid to rest in Clear Springs cemetery near Florala, Ala.

No stain was on his little heart, Sin had not entered there, And innocence slept sweetly on That pale, white brow so fair.

He was too pure for this cold earth, Too beautiful to stay, And so God's angel came And bore our darling away.—One who loved him, his aunt, Mrs. Ida Braddy, 908 Lee Ave., Waycross, Ga.

HARGREAVES

The death angel came into the home of Mr. F. B. Hargreaves on Nov. 29, 1930 and claimed his wife who went home to be with Jesus. We weep not as those who have no hope for we know our sister is heaven's gain. She was loved by all who knew her. She professed salvation and belonged to the Methodist church. She will be missed at her home and church and town. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, three sons, two daughters, six grandchildren. Her funeral was conducted at the church by W. C. Rahn and her body laid to rest in the Waresboro cemetery.

All is dark within our dwelling, Lonely are our hearts today, For the one we loved so dearly Has forever passed away.—One who loved her, a friend, Mrs. Bessie McDaniel, Waresboro, Ga.

There Is Coming a Day Of Reckoning

WARFIELD, Ky. — Dear brothers and sisters who have been born again and all who love the appearing of our Lord and Savior, I feel impressed this morning to testify thru the Evangel for the way Jesus came into my heart and changed my life. Oh how sweet the day and hour that Jesus saved my precious soul, and about one year later He sanctified me by His precious blood and gave me a greater zeal to go on and hold out faithful and forever keep His commandments in this life and do His will. There are many things we must do as well as keep His commandments. The rich, young man said he had kept the commandments but there was one thing yet he had neglected doing, Mark 10:17-27, and when Jesus told him what he should do he went away very sorrowful. Dear saints, there will be many who will keep Jesus' commandments and then fall short and have to go away very sorrowful as the rich man did. There is coming a day of reckoning when we all must meet Jesus and give an account of our work on earth and our lives.

I praise God this morning because Jesus, when He saved my soul, took the world out of me and gave me a pure, tender, praying heart. Oh how sweet it is to me to steal away with Jesus alone and pray. As I write these few lines I feel His sweet presence in my soul. I ask all the saints everywhere to pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost and always be found doing the Lord's will. Also pray for the Church of God to let its light shine

The Pilgrimage To Bethlehem

T. L. Willis

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." Luke 2:15.

Bethlehem or "The House of Bread" was a small village six miles south of Jerusalem on the way to Hebron. It never was a place of much importance. Micah calls it the least among the thousands of Judah. It is not mentioned in any of the catalogues of Judah's great cities, yet to the student of the Bible its interest is surpassingly great. In this district lay the fields of Boaz in which Ruth gleaned. Here the son of Obed was born. David was also anointed in this city to be king of Israel. But greatest of all here was where the Savior of all the world was to be born. "The House of Bread" should be the birthplace of Him who was to come down from heaven to be the bread of life for men.

While the angels' message is still ringing in our ears, let us imitate the pious shepherds and now go even unto Bethlehem in thought and see the things which have come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

The shepherds were at their post of duty at this time, otherwise they would have never known there would be a King born in the little city, "The House of Bread," that night. The angel said, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." The shepherds left their flocks, in whose care we do not know, and journeyed on toward the little city, "The House of Bread." They found as the angel had said the babe lying in a manger. There being no room for them in the hotel that night, Joseph and Mary were forced to spend the night in the place where the stock were kept.

The inn is usually built around a yard, having a well or fountain, and entered by a gate which can be closed against intruders at night. The baggage and animals occupy the lower rooms for the people, the upper and better chambers. When the upper rooms were full of crowds at feast time the late comers would be obliged to take a lower room among the animals.

From the commencement of her history Israel had been taught to link her destiny with the future. Her true position and power as a nation was to realize when Abraham's seed should be born, when the prophet like unto Moses should be revealed, when the great High Priest of whom Aaron was a type should stand and minister in her midst at God's altar, when David's Son should sit upon His Father's throne, the very Son of God whom the great line of prophets had written about from John the Baptist all the way back to Moses in the wilderness.

He who was to be born King of the Jews was born in Bethlehem of Judah. Think of it! He who only belongs to the very highest order of being, the eternal One is He, wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, He that was incarnated in the human flesh and born as any other child.

Should we celebrate His birth? I say, Yes, ten thousand times, with the very highest honors anyone can give to anyone. Give honors to the King who can save the soul and heal the

He Has Promised Never To Leave or Forsake His Children

MEREDOSIA, Ill.—I want to thank and praise the Lord this morning for what He is to me. He has been so wonderfully good to me I can never praise Him enough. I'm so thankful that He ever saw fit to save my soul and turn my feet toward the Glory World. I'm not a member of the Church of God but I believe in its teachings. I don't have the privilege of being in good services. The way seems hard sometimes but He has promised never to leave or forsake us. Praise His name! There is no Church of God at this place and it is a needy place for the plain old gospel to be preached. I feel the need of prayer. Please pray that I may be able to receive the Holy Ghost and ever be found doing the will of God.—A sister, Mrs. W. R. Titshaw.

SET THE CAPTIVE FREE

CAIRO, Ga.—In March 1930 when our little seven year old girl was sitting in her father's lap with death staring her in the face caused from measles, I ran out of the room screaming, I looked and saw Brother J. A. Hipps and Brother Jim Owens driving up. I met them and told Brother Hipps my child was dying. They went into the house. I went to the wash shelter. I was continually praying and listening for what I would hear next. I could hear them praying no louder than some one talking. In just a little while everything in the house was quite. About this time I felt the Spirit quicken my body all over, bidding me my child was healed. I stood up, wiped my eyes and said, Lord, how can everything be well like it was? I remembered the widow's son being delivered to his mother after he was dead. I said, I know it is even so, Lord. I went into the house and beheld my child standing in the floor. She had put on her slippers and walked over the house. She grew worse and we called Brother Hipps back that night. The child got easy but seemed weak. She stayed in this condition until nine o'clock the next morning. She revived and dressed herself. God moved the mountain and set the captive free.

We praise God for sending Brother J. B. Weeks to our rescue in 1927 to lead us to the true gospel that we might lay hold on eternal life and the wonderful healing God had for us. I had suffered eleven years, had had nine operations, and was still eating sweet milk and toast, taking medicine four and five times daily. Through the night God so wonderfully saved, sanctified, baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and healed my body. My husband also has the Holy Ghost. From that time we have had our heads piloted on God's eternal Word, trusting our entire family in God's big hand, knowing His dear promises no human tongue can change, and every creeping, crawling, living thing is at God's great command. We covet the prayers of God's children that our lives will speak a testimony wherever we are.—Mrs. H. G. Hudson.

body at a word, He who can cast out about six thousand devils out of one human being as He did with the man at the tomb. Luke 8:29. I say, Give honor and glory to Him in the highest. Amen.

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A GREAT NEED

"PRESENT EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS LATIN AMERICA CONSTITUTE TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS GIVE BRAZIL WORD OF GOD—DOORS AND HEARTS OPEN—UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY—DEEPLY GRATEFUL TESTAMENTS ALREADY DISPATCHED BUT URGENTLY NEED MORE—APPEAL ALL CHRISTIANS GIVE ONE OR MORE COPIES—TIME SHORT—MULTITUDES PERISHING—SEND BOOKS QUICKLY.—FREDERICK GLASS."

The above cablegram was sent to "The Million Testament Campaign" in Philadelphia, Pa. and printed in the "Wonderful Word" last month. For three hundred years Latin America has been deprived of the Word of God while we have enjoyed its blessings. At the present time the demand is great. A special call for 200,000 is being given. Would it not be a good time for us to send a missionary to that country? For the last few years Brazil has been laid upon the hearts of many who have the missionary spirit. I believe the demand is greater than ever before. There is a great flood of false teaching being forced upon the people. A tireless effort is being made by those who are against the Bible. Even in our schools and universities a decided stand is being made against the inspiration of the Bible. In Warfield, Ky. as never before, May all of God's saints believe, that the signs may follow as Jesus said they would follow believers, Mark 16:17.—Yours for Jesus and the Church of God, Jack Summer.

Bible. Blasphemy on a wholesale scale in our educational institutions is being launched. For instance: The high school students in Philadelphia rejoice in the name "God's Black Sheep."

In Los Angeles a society calls themselves, "The Devil's Angels;" University in Rochester, "The Damn Souls Society;" University of Wisconsin, "The Circle of the Goddess;" and so on throughout our nation. Many others who are not so bold yet in writing or speaking take the side with the Atheist and Agnostic and if nothing else throw a reflection on the miracles of the Bible and workings of the Holy Ghost. We do not have to seek such teachings, they seek us. And much of this kind of literature is almost, if not entirely, free. Only a few weeks ago I ordered some books which I saw advertised for one dollar and they sent me more than twenty books filled with ungodly and immoral teachings written by one of the most destructive, men in America today. I believe it is time for us to arise and "earnestly contend (defend or fight) for the faith once delivered to the saints." Jude 3. We ought to push the Gospel as never before with all its power and miracles. God's power is just as real as ever. Miracles of healing are taking place every day right before our eyes as well as many others. Let us tell the world about it. By all means let's get it to them who want it. Many are crying and praying for God to send them help. If we can't go tell them, let's send them the message.

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MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

Lorena Basham, McCamey, Texas—1 misses' dress, 4 children's dresses, 1 pr. bloomers.

S. S. Willpoint, Texas—1 quilt, 1 baby blanket, 1 pr. shoes, 2 slips for baby.

J. R. Brown and Co., Cleveland, Tenn.—1 doz. work socks.

Fleetwood S. S., Peterson, Ala.—1 quilt.

Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings Of Great Joy

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prayer, O Lord, renew this zeal in the hearts of every member of the Church of God. While some may have been encouraged to go preach and yet not called, no doubt there is a message that every child of God may tell, and may God bless us every one on this Christmas with the message of cheer to some one. We may not be able to cheer with gifts but we can tell that those blessed of our Lord will be blessed above that which money can buy. An old soldier once blessed in our meeting made the remark that that was the happiest day on earth for him; another, blessed on one Christmas Day, stated that was the best Christmas in life for him. Still another, blessed on the Fourth of July, said that was the best Fourth of July of his life.

It is true that the country over is in a serious condition, crops have failed, prices failed, business of different kinds failed, even some of the largest banking institutions of the country have failed, men have failed, but God has never failed. The condition of the country at present, I fully believe, makes the present an opportune time to reach many with the gospel. While it does take means, yet we are a people who have learned to get along on meager fare. I believe that the God-called man who obeys, and keeps the victory will have to preach. Paul seemed to have continued (as did the other apostles of his day) regardless of his condition, or the surrounding conditions. Even though in bonds, bound in the spirit, having the witness that afflictions awaited him, yet listen what he has to say, NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME, Acts 20:24. Neither did he seem to have time to wait for a SPECIAL CALL or place but rather strived to preach where Christ had not been named for he wished to finish his course with joy. Also Stephen, one chosen to look after affairs at home, didn't cease to tell the story. It has been said, THE BUSY PREACHER is the preacher with the message, the spiritual preacher, and the preacher in demand. In the business world it is said that smart men are seldom found idle. Who has a greater job than God's servant? who has a more important one? who has a higher one? who has so much to do? who then should be smarter and busier than a Church of God preacher? There is certainly plenty to do, and such little time to do it in. I have never understood that the God-called man has time to entangle himself with the affairs of this life. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or

whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6. Again, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Eccl. 9:10. While many are complaining and talking hard times may God speed His servants with a message of His goodness, a spirit to cheer, comfort and console.

To our good people in the state of North Carolina: We want to insist that every local church observe New Year's watch night service, and if not convenient for all to gather at the church, even at home let's all join in praise and thanksgiving to God for His unspeakable gifts. Oh, we have so much to be grateful for. It was wonderful to note during the Assembly the good reports from over the states, in fact, God's people are blessed above all people. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land, also another blessing is promised, one that we will not be able to receive, if we will do certain things.

Only recently we were told by one of our preachers about how his faithful members were blessed with health and employment while others had layoffs, short time, and some, no jobs. AMEN, it pays to be faithful. Sometime ago I heard of a member of the Church who asked to be excluded, stating he was selling goods and wanted to make money, handle and sell tobacco, and he was let go. He made money and prospered for awhile but soon trouble overtook him and he had to spend largely his savings, then he came back confessing and desiring to be restored to the Church. Well, it pays after all to live right.

Again, in this service it would be well that we each take somewhat of an inventory of our life. The Bible grants us this privilege. "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord," Lam. 3:40. "Examine yourselves, whether you be in the faith," 2 Cor. 13:5. "But let a man examine himself," 1 Cor. 11:28. "And forgive if ought against any," Mark 11:25. Thus we will be able for the New Year to begin with a renewed covenant to behave ourselves in the house of God and to be loyal and faithful on every line. And I believe if this is observed by each of us it is possible (should life last and Jesus tarries) for the Church to almost double itself in the state of North Carolina during 1931. Amen.

May God bless every member in the state and help them to feel the spirit and fellowship of this as I do just now. This will cause the ministers and the clerk of each local church to make our monthly reports regularly and promptly on the first day of each month. Also we will not neglect the orphans nor the mission fund. While there may be other states in which the Church is stronger, yet we can be as loyal. Send the amount of state missions to the state treasurer, J. M. Snyder, Box 597, Kannapolis, N. C. Yours for redeeming the time and with a wish of cheer and good will for you throughout the new year. Amen.